

THE UNDERSTUDY

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

A train of cars stopped at a station. A young man came aboard and looked about for an empty seat. There was but one vacant, and he sat down in it beside a handsomely dressed, middle aged lady, who moved aside to make room for him, changing at the same time the position of certain articles of hand baggage.

"You are very kind," said the young man.

"Not at all," replied the lady. "I am simply not especially selfish."

"It is a case of selfishness that causes me to make this journey," remarked the young man.

"Indeed?" said the lady in a tone that seemed to invite further confidence.

"Yes. My sister is an actress. She has been an understudy for the leading lady at the theater with which she is connected. My sister has a natural talent for the kind of acting required in the part and became understudy for it, hoping that she might get an opportunity to play it and make a hit in it. She has already done so in private theatricals. But the leading lady has not been obliged to give over the part to her understudy once during the whole time she has been the understudy. I didn't wish to go on the stage, and now that she has become discouraged by her long wait I have persuaded her to give up trying to be an actress and come home. If the leading lady would but give her one opportunity to show what she can do it is quite possible that she might get an engagement at a fine salary."

The lady listened to this with considerable interest and at the end said:

"You didn't say with what theater your sister is connected."

"No. I have no wish to openly accuse her principal of selfishness."

"It doesn't matter. I am acquainted with a number of theatrical persons and know that Elizabeth Twining is understudy for the leading lady at the National, who plays under the stage name Helen Wadsworth, but who is really Miss Stanforth. I'm glad you have told me of this case of your sister. It puts the matter of an understudy in a different light from the way theatrical persons see it. They consider an understudy some one who is prepared to take a part in case the actor or actress must be temporarily laid off. They are a selfish lot, and I don't suppose it has occurred to this Helen Wadsworth that by giving up one night's profit she might enable your sister to make her fortune."

"If you know her I trust you will not mention what I have said."

"I do know her and, I thought, very well, but from what you say I have not known her as well as I supposed. I shall suggest to her to give your sister one night in which to play the leading part. She doubtless receives something like \$500 for each performance, and, though the amount is considerable, it would be only about a sixth of her weekly income. The only excuse for her not having given way in favor of your sister is that the purchasers of tickets pay to see Helen Wadsworth and not Elizabeth Twining."

"I never thought of that," said the young man.

"If it is an excuse it is a poor one."

Young Twining was very much pleased with his encounter and what it promised. The lady did not say that she would secure his sister the opportunity she desired, but she intended to try. Twining begged her to approach the subject gingerly, to which she readily agreed, assuring him that on no account would she make any trouble. However, she cautioned him against raising any hopes in his sister that might not be realized.

Twining arrived in the city in the morning, and the same evening word was sent to the manager that Helen Wadsworth had taken a cold and her voice had become so husky that she would not be able to play her part that night. Miss Twining, who expected at the end of the week to go home with her brother, was hopeful that her going might not now be necessary.

She hardly did herself justice, being agitated at assuming so important a role. But Helen Wadsworth sent word that she would doubtless be confined to her room for several days and perhaps longer, so the understudy had more opportunity. On the second night she did her best, making a pronounced hit, which was maintained in the other performances. Then Helen Wadsworth returned to her work.

On the last night that Elizabeth Twining played the principal part, after being called before the curtain again and again, she found an invitation in her dressing room to sup with Helen Wadsworth and bring her brother, who, the hostess had heard, was with her. The two were driven to the hotel where the actress was stopping, expecting to find her with her throat wrapped in flannels. But she advanced to meet them with no signs of illness and with an extended hand for Mr. Twining.

She was the woman he had met on the train.

"Permit me to thank you," she said, "for showing me that selfishness in myself that I have previously seen only in others."

Elizabeth Twining soon after secured an engagement for a leading part, and Helen Wadsworth took another understudy.

Not a Complete Surprise.

When William R. Hearst bought the old New York Journal one of his managing editors, Julius Chambers, invited Hearst to dinner with him.

They went to a downtown French restaurant. Chambers had ordered the dinner, which was a good one, and Hearst and he had a pleasant time. Along toward the close of the meal Chambers said: "Now, Mr. Hearst, I am going to give you a treat. I have ordered something you probably never have eaten or seen."

Chambers nodded to the waiter, who brought in some French artichokes.

"You see," explained Chambers, "these are a great delicacy. You pull off the leaves and dip the ends in the sauce and eat the ends only."

Hearst smiled a little and followed directions. As they progressed Chambers said complacently: "Pretty good, eh? I don't suppose you ever saw an artichoke before."

"Well," Hearst replied, "I can't go so far as that. You see, Chambers, we had 400 acres of them growing the last time I was out at our California ranch."—Saturday Evening Post.

Fans in the Eighteenth Century.

A letter in the London Spectator dated May, 1711, gives a most interesting description of an academy where ladies could be drilled in the proper use of their fans and initiated into the mysteries of "the angry flutter, the modest flutter, the timorous flutter, the confused flutter, the merry flutter and the amorous flutter." In the eighteenth century at dancing assemblies in London, Bath and other places of fashionable resort gentlemen chose their partners by "lottery of the fan." The fans of all the ladies present were placed in a hat, whence each gentleman had the privilege of selecting one, the lady to whom it belonged becoming his allotted partner for the evening. Of course such a custom entailed a great study of fans on the part of the gentlemen. Boswell, Steele and Pope found something to say about the fan, and Guy, enlarging upon the efforts of his predecessors, wrote a long poem in praise of the fan, attributing its invention to Venus.

How Brazilians Bag Wild Fowl.

From "The Log of a Rolling Stone," by Henry Arthur Broome, comes the following curious mode of bagging wild fowl in Brazil by way of economizing ammunition:

"The expedient is to get hold of a very large pumpkin and, after scooping out the meat and seeds inside, to cut two little eye-holes in it and then place it on the hunter's head. He then wades through the sedge and flags into deeper water up to his neck, where the wild fowl are feeding, who gather that it is merely a pumpkin innocently floating on the surface. The hunter then soon gets into the midst of his quarry and, seizing them by the legs, pulls them quietly under water, where he tucks them under a belt fastened round his waist, and as their companions presume that one unfortunate bird after another is only diving for food the hunter gets a waistful in no time and returns well satisfied to the shore."

Romance of a Picture.

The ups and downs of the artist's calling are well illustrated by the fortunes and misfortunes of the late M. Sukhorovsky, a Russian artist. His celebrated painting, "Nana," was exhibited all over the world and made a fortune for himself and others. After personally receiving some \$300,000 for his exhibition the artist, thinking its vogue over, sold "Nana" for \$21,000, and the dealer resold it at double the price. An American bought it and showed it all through the United States, Canada and South America and is reported to have made \$1,000,000 by the enterprise. On the other hand, the artist lost all his money by unfortunate investments and was reduced almost to beggary.

Gave Him a Hint.

Miss Carter had not been successful in bringing young Dodge to her feet and in consequence felt a little spiteful toward him. One evening they were having quite a serious talk in the library.

"Do you think," asked the young man, "that men progress after death?"

"Well," responded the girl, "if they don't it would almost seem useless for some of them to die."

Made the Most of It.

Louis—Bertie is the meanest man on earth. I bet him a new hat one day last week, lost the bet and today received a bill for a sum big enough to buy five of the best silk hats in town.

Charles—Great Scott! How's that? Louis—He let his wife select one for herself.—London Telegraph.

Cause For Hurry.

"I understand they were married in haste."

"Yes; they told the minister to hurry because there was only a little gasoline left in their automobile, and they were twenty miles from home."—Exchange.

He Wanted to Know.

The Employer (coldly)—Why are you so late? The Suburbanite (guiltily)—There were two wrecks on the track this morning, and— The Employer (testily)—Who was the other one?

His Compliment.

A Frenchman, on being introduced to Sir Edwin Landseer, said:

"I am most happy to make your acquaintance, for I am very fond of beasts."

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NOTICE TO HUNTERS.

Notice is hereby giving that no hunting or trespassing will be allowed on the lands of the undersigned who reside south and west of North Platte. Violations of this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Wm. Hunter,
Chas. Howard,
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Serial No. 94889
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Land Office.

At North Platte, Nebraska, Sept. 5th, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Daniel Carrigan of North Platte, Neb., who on Sept. 2, 1910, made

homestead entry, No. 94889, for N¹/₂ and N¹/₂ of S¹/₂, Section 26, Township 12 N., Range 32,

W. of 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to

establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 5th day of November,

1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Philip T. Heil, Wendell McCrum, Paul Smith, Carl Broeder, all of North Platte, Nebr.

J. E. EVANS, Register.

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Notice To Property Owners.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, will set as a Board of Equalization, beginning at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P. M., of the 21st day of October, 1913, at the Council Chamber at the Library Building in the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, for the purpose of levying on the real estate lying and being within the extension to SEWER DISTRICT

"M" taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of the construction of the extension of the lateral Sewer in said Sewer District "M" and that said taxes will be levied upon each parcel of real estate according to the extent of benefits to be equal and uniform, such levy of taxes will be according to the front foot of the lots or real estate within said Sewer District or according to such other rule as the City Council sitting as such Board of Equalization may adopt for the distribution or adjustment of such costs.

All persons interested will file their objections, if any they have, to the assessment of taxes, against their property on or before the 21st day of October, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., (Central Time) with the City Clerk.

By order of the Mayor and City Council made the 16th day of September, 1913.

CHAS. F. TEMPLE,

City Clerk.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Platte Valley Irrigation District will receive sealed bids for the construction of concrete foundations and floors for ten steel bridges and for the construction of twelve concrete checks and drops combined, also one concrete arch.

Work must be commenced on or before October 15th, 1913. Bids must be based upon the specifications on file covering this work and shall be made on regular bidding blanks furnished by L. E. Ware, Secretary, at Hershey, Neb. All bids must be in the office of the Secretary by 10 o'clock, a. m., October 7th, 1913, when same will be opened.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

I. E. WARE,

Sec. Platte Valley Irr. Dist.

Notice for Bids.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned secretary of the Board of Education of the school district of the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, up to the hour of 6 o'clock p. m. on the 4th day of October, 1913, for lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 140, of the original town of North Platte, exclusive of the building, the lots will be sold separately. Bids will also be received for the building and foundation.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Education.

A. F. STREITZ, Sec'y.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said court wherein Knox and Walters a co-partnership in plaintiff, and Elmer Daggett, defendant, to be sold in and for said county, Nebraska, on the 14th day of October, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east front door of the court house in North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, sell to public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit:

(NE¹/₂) of section two (2) township fifteen (15) range thirty (30) west of the 6th P. M., in Lincoln county, Nebraska.

Dated North Platte, Neb., September 6th, 1913.

A. J. SALISBURY, Sheriff.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX.

The State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss.

In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Esther Harris, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Unita Stewart, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to herself as administratrix.

Ordered, That Oct. 7th, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m. is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county for three successive weeks, prior to the said date of hearing. Dated Sept. 12, 1913.

s15-3 JOHN GRANT, County Judge.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.

The State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss.

In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Michael A. Foster, deceased.

To the creditors, heirs, legatees, and others interested in the estate of Michael A. Foster.

Take notice, that Edward R. Foster has filed in the county court a report of his doings as administrator of said estate, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 7th day of October, A. D. 1913, before the court at the hour of 9 o'clock, a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same.

Notice of this proceeding and the hearing thereof is ordered given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semi-weekly newspaper, printed in said county for three successive weeks prior to the said date of hearing. Dated September 9th, 1913. (Seal)

s16-3 JOHN GRANT, County Judge.

PROBATE NOTICE

In the County Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, Sept. 9, 1913.

In the matter of the estate of John H. Gutierrez, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the Administratrix of Lincoln county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 14th day of April, 1914, at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the Administratrix to settle said estate, from the 9th day of March, 1913. This notice will be published in the North Platte Tribune, a legal county newspaper published successively, on and after Sept. 9, 1913.

s16-4 JOHN GRANT, County Judge